



**ST LUKE'S &  
ST IGNATIUS**  
Oxon Hill

**13 August 2023**

THE TENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER TRINITY



**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday 9-9:45 am**  
*in the chapel*  
*(in the church on 1st Saturdays)*

**3:30-4:15 pm**  
*in the church*

**Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm**  
*in the chapel*

**MASSES**

**Saturday 4:30 pm** [anticipated]  
**Sunday 9 am & 10:30 am**

**Daily Mass** *in the chapel*  
*Monday-Friday at 9 am*  
*Saturday at 10 am*  
*(First Saturdays in the church)*

**HOLY HOURS**

*confessions & eucharistic adoration*

**Tuesday 10 am**  
*in the chapel*

*following the 9 am Mass*

**First Saturday 9 am**  
*in the church*  
*followed by Mass at 10 am*

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*We continue to excerpt from On Kindness, one of the 1859 Spiritual Conferences written by Fr. Frederick W. Faber.*

## IX. Recipients of Kindness

...There is always one bright thought in our minds when all the rest is dark. ... It is the thought of the bright populous heaven. There is a joy there at least, if there is a joy nowhere else. There is true service of God there, however poor and interested the love of Him may be on earth. Multitudes are abounding in the golden light there, even if they that rejoice on earth be few. At this hour it is all going on so near us that we cannot be hopelessly unhappy with so much happiness so near. Yet its nearness makes us wistful. Then let us think that there are multitudes in heaven today who are there because of kind actions; many are there for doing them, many for having had them done to them....

... So let us think, first of all, how much we ourselves owe in past life to kind actions. If we look back through the last twenty or thirty years, it is amazing to consider the number of kind actions that have been done to us; they are almost beyond our counting. Indeed, we feel that those we remember are hardly so numerous as those we have forgotten — forgotten not through ingratitude, but because of the distractions of life and the shortness of our memory. Under what various circumstances too, they have been done to us!

...They have made our darkness light, and our light brighter. They have made us smile in the midst of our tears, and have made us shed tears of joy when we were laughing carelessly. They have come to us also from all quarters. They have reached us from persons in whom we might have expected to meet them. They have reached us from unexpected persons who would naturally have been indifferent to us. They have reached us from those from whom we had every reason to expect the opposite. They have come to us from such unhoped - for quarters, and under such an affecting variety of circumstances, that each one of us must have seemed to himself to have exhausted the possibilities of kindness. The thought of them all melts our hearts. ...

Now, every one of those acts of kindness has doubtless done us a certain amount of spiritual good. If they did not make us better at the time, they prepared the way for our becoming better, or they sowed a seed of future goodness, and made an impression which we never suspected, and yet which was ineffaceable. Graces from God, kindnesses from men; we seem to have stood all our lives under the beneficent drippings of these beneficent showers.

But who can say if there were two showers, and if it was not all the while but one, kindness being nothing more

than a peculiar form of grace? There is no great harm in confounding the two; but to be strict, grace is one thing, and kindness is another.

Let us content ourselves, then, with saying that kindness has again and again done the preliminary work for grace in our souls. Let us think also how little we have deserved all these kind actions, not only so far as God is concerned, but so far as our fellow-creatures are concerned also.

There is no one who has not received ten-fold more kindness himself than he has shown to others. The thought of all the kindness of so many persons to us sometimes grows to be almost intolerable because of the sense of our own unkindness. These kind actions have been to us like importunate angels. They have surrounded us almost against our own will, and done us all manner of unasked good, of extra good, of good apparently unconnected with themselves. From how many evils have they not also rescued us? We know of many, but there are many more of which we do not know. But in this respect, as well as in others, they have done Angels' work on our behalf. To how much good have they encouraged us? We know of much, but there is much more of which we do not know. We can hardly tell what we should have been had we been treated one whit less kindly than we have been. Have we not sometimes been on the verge of doing something which a life would have been short to repent of? Have not words been on our tongues which, had we said them, we would willingly have lost a limb afterwards to have unsaid? Have we not vacillated in the face of decisions which we now perceive concerned eternity as well as time? Can we not now see in the retrospect steep places down which we were beginning to fall, and a kind act saved us, and at the time we thought we had stumbled over a stone by the way? We are indeed very far from what we ought to be now. But it is frightening to think what we might have been had parents, friends, nurses, masters, servants, schoolfellows, enemies, been less kind than they have been. All through life kindness has been bridling the devil that was in us. The surprised and affectionate recollection of it now is one of our greatest powers for virtue, and may easily be made a fountain of interior sweetness within ourselves. Feeling that we ourselves owe all this to the kindness of others, are we not bound, as far as lies in our power, to be putting everyone else on all sides of us under similarly blessed obligations? ...

*Frederick William Faber [1814-1863] was a noted English hymn writer (Faith of Our Fathers and There's a Wideness in God's Mercy), author, and theologian, who converted from Anglicanism to Roman Catholicism in 1845 following his mentor John Henry (later Cardinal) Newman, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1847.*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS** *All who are suffering or sick and all caregivers who minister to the sick:*

David Henderson, Jackie Chancio, Curtis Bailey, Leondre Massey, Mary Augustus, The Gamboa family, Tim Holtz, Ruth Will, E.L. Grimm, J.M. Duffell, Vanessa de Ingardia, Ginni Lamp Thomas, Fr. Gus Peters, Cate Mueller, Don Seward, Chelsea Ransom, Lorraine Killion, Marie Norment, Theresa Koshut, Jack Figel, Sonya Estrada, Andy, Paula, and Marian Luther; Easter and Richard Thompson, Harold Joyce, Levi Harris, Sister Constance Ward, Mark Anthony Turner, Rachel Fisher, Patricia Ransom, Beverly A. Woods, C.A., E.D., E.G., W.B., and J.M.

*Please call or email the office to add a name to the prayer list. Before calling, please be sure you have spoken to the person for a member of his family about adding the name—we do not want to inadvertently disregard someone's desire for privacy.*

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Tuesday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. *It is a holyday of obligation.* Masses will be at 9 am and 7 pm.

**August School Drive** The St. Ignatius Ladies of Charity are collecting school supplies during the month of August for one of our local schools in need, Samuel Chase Elementary. There is a box near the entrance door for you to place your items. Please be generous to help needy children be prepared for learning with scissors, construction paper, crayons, markers, etc. [NOTE, the tax-free week in Maryland is 13-19 August.] If you prefer to make a monetary donation, place your checks to the Ladies of Charity in the Poor Box or in the collection plate, and put *School Drive* on the memo line.

There is a **Holy Hour** every Tuesday morning in the chapel following the 9 am Mass, and every First Saturday in the church.

Or join us in the chapel each 2nd-5th Saturday at 9 am for Mattins, a short service of Scripture and morning prayer. Mass follows at 10 am.

**Attention Parishioners aged 65 and older who live in Prince George's County:** there is available now the 2023 Elderly Property Tax Credit. There is more information [and applications] in the church narthex.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, 12 August**

*Anticipated Mass for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity*  
4:30 pm pro populo

**Sunday, 13 August**

*The Tenth Sunday after Trinity*  
9:am visitors to our parish  
10:30 am the godchildren of Rafael A. Madan

**Monday, 14 August**

*Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest and Martyr*  
9 am in thanksgiving for an answered prayer

**Tuesday, 15 August**

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
9 am Helen Macko Michalco +  
7 pm pro populo

**Wednesday, 16 August**

*Stephen of Hungary*  
9 am Anne and Russell White

**Thursday, 17 August**

*Feria*  
9 am Anne B. Smith +

**Friday, 18 August**

*Feria*  
9 am Maggie Wynne

**Saturday, 19 August**

*John Eudes, Priest*  
10 am special intention [Rafael A. Madan]

*Anticipated Mass for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*  
4:30 pm pro populo

**Sunday, 20 August**

*The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*  
9:am Leslie Lee +  
10:30 am John and Alinmary Dean

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